

21 January 1959

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Resume of OCB Luncheon Meeting, 21 January 1959

PRESENT: Mr. Allen, Mr. Dulles, Mr. Gray, Mr. Harr, Mr. Herter,
Mr. Irwin, Mr. Scribner, Mr. Smith, Mr. B. Smith

1. U.S. Advisory Commission on Information

Mr. Harr briefed the group on some correspondence he had had with Dr. Mark A. May, Chairman of the U.S. Advisory Commission on Information, and with the Staff Director of the Commission. These gentlemen had raised certain basic questions having to do with the policy and operations of the Voice of America, RIAS, Radio Free Europe and Radio Liberation, and had forwarded to Mr. Harr copies of reports based on trips to the USSR by Mr. May and Mr. Philip Reed, in December and August 1958 respectively.

Mr. Dulles pointed out that any action taken in response to this approach by the Commission would have to be carefully coordinated, particularly among State, USIA and CIA. He also questioned the extent to which the Commission's mandate covers private broadcasting, such as that carried on by RFE and Radio Liberation.

It was noted that Mr. Harr had promised early action in his response, and it was agreed that the matter should be discussed soon on an interagency basis.

2. Burial of American Fliers

Mr. Irwin referred again to the question he had raised last week about the manner in which the burial of the two unidentified bodies from the airplane crash in Soviet Armenia should be handled. Mr. Herter said that the State Department had no objection to proceeding with any plans that Defense might have for burial with full military honors, and that there seemed to be no necessity for handling the

matter with a minimum of publicity. He said that Mr. Mikoyan had been questioned as to the whereabouts of the unaccounted-for crew members, and that the latter had indignantly denied that the Soviets had any knowledge of the rest of the fliers, alive or dead.

3. Law of the Sea Conference

Mr. Herter gave a report on the status of international negotiations on the Law of the Sea, stating that the next formal conference would be convened in 1960 and that Arthur Dean would be the chief American delegate. He said that the position currently being pushed by the U. S. calls for a formula of six miles as a normal international boundary, plus an additional six miles within which certain fishing rights would be allowed. The U. S. is also prepared to go along with special additional arrangements in the case of certain countries whose economies depend primarily on fishing, e. g. Iceland.

Mr. Herter explained that the traditional U. S. insistence on three-mile boundaries finds very little world support today.

4. German Refugees

The discussion then turned to an examination of recent trends in the flow of refugees from East Germany into West Berlin and the Federal Republic. It was noted that there has been some decrease in recent months, although not a drastic one. The group felt however that it might be useful to consider whether any additional investigation is warranted of the nature of trends in the movement of refugees, and the extent to which there has been a tightening of regulations and increased surveillance. It was noted particularly that the flow of legal travelers from the GDR to the Federal Republic has fallen off.



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5. Exploitation of Chinese Communes

The report of the ad hoc Working Group looking into the inter-agency exploitation of the Chinese Commune situation was examined.


It was agreed that the responsible agencies are fulfilling their assigned duties satisfactorily in this regard, but that the Working Group should convene in a month or two to make sure that effective exploitation is continuing.

6. Chinese Linotype Machine

Mr. Herter reported that the Army Quartermaster Corps, in cooperation with Mr. Prescott Low of the Quincy Mass. Ledger, has developed a linotype machine capable of reproducing Chinese ideographs. It appears that this machine is being used in connection with the production of propaganda on Taiwan.

7. Mikoyan Visit

The meeting ended with a general discussion of the Mikoyan visit. There were no particularly significant conclusions.


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